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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: All FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS
FROM: FINA, Lausanne
DATE: February 1, 2010
RE: Retirement / Return to competition

Dear Madam or Sir,

Following our recent experience in regard to the application of the procedures for return to competition, we would like to remind you of the FINA Rules DC 5.5.1 and DC 5.5.2 (see below).

In order to provide more assistance to athlete and federations, we created a new document to be fulfilled prior a retirement or a return to competition. This new form is available on the FINA website.

DC 5.5.1 A Competitor who has been identified by FINA for inclusion in FINA's Registered Testing Pool shall continue to be subject to these Anti-Doping Rules, including the obligation to be available for unannounced Testing, unless and until the Competitor gives written notice to FINA that he or she has retired. A Competitor is accountable for any violation of these Anti-Doping Rules occurring prior to FINA's receipt of his or her notice of retirement.

DC 5.5.2 A Competitor who has given notice of retirement to FINA may not resume competing unless he or she notifies FINA in writing at least nine (9) months before he or she expects to return to Competition and is available for unannounced Out-of-Competition Testing at any time during the period before actual return to Competition. A Competitor seeking reinstatement is subject to these Anti-Doping Rules in their entirety from the date reinstatement is requested.

We remain at your disposal for any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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